Monitoring agency for private hospitals

2140. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to constitute Monitoring Committees to oversee the functioning of private recognized hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the said Committees have not been constituted, so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to constitute the said Committees at an early date especially for NCR towns like Gurgaon, Faridabad, Noida, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Directorate General of Health Services *vide* Order No. 4-39/2003-C&P/ 7908-23 dated 26.8.2003 has constituted a Standing Committee to review the appropriateness of treatment and procedures being advised/carried out in the Private hospitals/Diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS Delhi which includes the NCR towns of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Noida and Ghaziabad.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Policy for preventing Cholera

†2141. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outbreak of cholera in the country is on the rise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any planned policy for prevention of the same, so that it could be prevented completely; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per information furnished by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

during the period 2002 to 2004 number of Cholera cases in the country decreased during 2003 but show rise during 2004.

(b) and (c) Health is primarily a State subject and provision of medical relief for diseases like cholera etc. through the Primary & Community Health Centres is looked after by the State Governments. Unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation, hygiene are some of the important causes of cholera. The preventive measures taken by the local health authorities include provision of safe drinking water, improvement of food and personal hygiene, safe disposal of human excreta, undertaking appropriate Health Education Surveillance & monitoring etc.

The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government through various schemes such as Accelerated Rural Water Supply of Drinking Water, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi provide technical support to the State Governments and undertake surveillance, early detection and prevention and control of outbreak of communicable diseases including cholera.

Pen type injection for Diabetic patients

2142. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations/requests for issue of pen type injection for diabetic patients are pending with his Ministry;

(b) if so, since when they are pending and that are the reasons for keeping them pending; and

(c) by when these patients will be able to receive such injections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) An Expert Committee deliberated on the issue of Penfil Insulin *vis-a-vis*-vial form of insulin, of its cost difference and advantage and the Committee was of the view that the use of penfil insulin would put an additional burden of Rs. 50.00 crore annually on the CGHS based on which the Government has decided that the CGHS may not provide Penfil Insulin due to the heavy financial burden and with very little medical gain.